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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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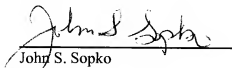
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), an extension of time of one month is hereby requested to file an Amendment and Response. An Office Action was mailed September 29, 2008.

A one-month extension is respectfully requested, making the due date January 29, 2009. The requisite fee in the amount of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is believed to be due.

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge payment of \$130.00 or any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of

time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John S. Sopko", is written over a horizontal line.

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